

WI-109
Moore Homestead
Fruitland
Private

c. 1870

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The two-story dwelling was likely extant on October 8, 1873 when Francis Kirk and his wife Elizabeth sold the 100-acre farm to William S. Moore, Sr. for \$1,500. The property remained in Moore family tenure until 1940 when the farm was acquired by the Larmar

Corporation. During the mid twentieth century the 100 acres were subdivided into building lots as the City of Fruitland developed westward.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-109

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Moore Homestead

other

2. Location

street and number 403 West Main Street not for publication

city, town Fruitland vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Markel Limited Partnership

street and number P. O. Box 117 telephone

city, town Fruitland state MD zip code 21826

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1614 folio 669

city, town Salisbury tax map 801 tax parcel 1720 tax ID number 16-002135

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Moore Homestead stands at 403 West Main Street on the western side of Fruitland, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, four-bay by one-bay frame dwelling faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west. Plywood board covers have been applied to the windows since the structure is currently unoccupied and used for storage.

Built around 1870, the two-story, four-bay by one-bay frame structure rests on a low brick foundation and the exterior is sheathed with a combination of asbestos and asphalt shingles over plain weatherboards. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a single-story, shed roofed frame addition. A former wing off the west gable end has been removed.

The south (main) elevation formerly consisted of a two-story, engaged porch supported on tall square columns. During the mid twentieth century the porch was enclosed and paired and single window openings were introduced across the former porch façade. The original front, as documented in a turn of the twentieth-century image of the house, was defined by four evenly spaced bays fitted with door openings at each end and two six-over-six sash windows in the center bays. The second story was defined in a different manner with a door opening in the first and third bays from the western corner and six-over-six sash windows in the second and fourth bays. The second floor porch had a simple cross-stick railing.

Clearly evident in the west gable end is the former porch roof which is defined by a cornice molding above the enclosed porch. A single flue brick stack rises against the gable end over gable end window openings which formerly pierced each story. The historic image indicates a six-over-six sash window on the first floor and shuttered window openings on the second floor and attic levels. The edge of the roof finished flush with a mid nineteenth-century bargeboard. Exposed on the northwest corner of the main block is a section of plaster and exposed sawn lath indicating where the former single-story wing was attached.

The north (rear) elevation is covered on the first floor by the single-story shed roofed addition, whereas the second floor is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The second floor windows are covered over with plywood. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice trimmed with a mid nineteenth-century crown and bed moldings.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The two-story dwelling was probably extant on October 8, 1873 when Francis Kirk and his wife Elizabeth sold the 100-acre farm to William S. Moore, Sr. for \$1500. The property remained in Moore family tenure until 1940 was the farm was acquired by the Larmar Corporation.⁵ During the mid twentieth century the 100 acres were subdivided into building lots as the City of Fruitland developed westward.

¹ Somerset County Land Record, LW 9/474, 5 March 1856, Somerset County Courthouse.

² Somerset County Land Record, LW 10/427, 13 April 1867, Somerset County Courthouse.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, TF, Jr. 2/236, 19 July 1870, Wicomico County Courthouse.

⁴ Wicomico County Land Records, TF, Jr. 3/433, 22 May 1873 and TF, Jr. 3/345, 8 October 1873, Wicomico County Courthouse.

⁵ Wicomico County Land Record, JWS 225/363, 2 September 1940.

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Moore Homestead
403 West Main Street
Fruitland, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 801, Parcel 1720

1614/669

Melmar Partnership

to

6/29/1998

Markel Limited Partnership

AJS 1070/256

William M. Harrington, Jr.

to

6/27/1986

Melmar Partnership

Being same land conveyed by two deeds:

1. from Alvin S. Blades, 4/13/1981, AJS 959/180
2. from Eugene C. Lacey, 8/10/1983, AJS 997/427

AJS 959/180

Alvin S. Blades, trustee for Alvin C. Blades

to

4/13/1981

William H. Harrington, Jr. and Eugene C. Lacey, Partners trading
as W. M. Associates

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AJS 866/19 John E. Jacob, Jr. trustee

to

10/25/1976 Alvin C. Blades
Whereas Alvin C. Blades is complainant and Robert DeWayne Eckstine and
Ruth Phyllis Ford Eckstine, defendants

AJS 828/990 Alvin C. Blades

to

10/16/1974 Robert DeWayne Eckstine
Ruth Phyllis Ford Eckstine

AJS 825/48 Alvin S. Blades

to

6/7/1974 Alvin C. Blades

JWTS 772/8 Alvin C. Blades

to

6/30/1972 Alvin S. Blades

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235/397

Larmar Corporation

to

8/14/1941

Alvin C. Blades

7 lots comprising one tract, plat of Moore's Corner, May 1941

JWS 225/363

William S. Moore, Sr., widower

to

9/2/1940

Larmar Corporation

Item 1, "Moore's Corner," 100 acres known as the Noah Rider farm
and the Moore Homestead

JCK 150/172

Laura C. Moore, J. Ernest Moore, and Florence Moore

to

7/15/1927

William S. Moore

Item 1

TF, Jr. 3/435

Francis Kirk and Elizabeth Kirk

to

10/8/1873

William S. Moore, Sr.

\$1500 100 acres Noah Rider Farm

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TF, Jr. 3/433

Samuel S. Hamblin

to

5/22/1873

Elizabeth Kirk
100 acres Noah Rider Farm

TF, Jr. 3/236

Stephen D. Stanchfield
Eveline B. Stanchfield

to

7/19/1870

Samuel S. Hamblin of Elmira, New York
\$2000 Noah Rider Farm

Somerset County
Land Record
LW 10/427

James A. Phillips
Emily V. Phillips

to

4/13/1867

Eveline B. Stanchfield
\$3500 near Forktown

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Somerset County
Land Record
LW 9/474

William H. Rider

to

3/5/1856

James A. Phillips
Mortgage from James A. Phillips to William H. Rider for \$2500,
3/5/1866, Stanchfield assumed payments of mortgage

Somerset County
Will Book

Last Will and Testament of Noah Rider

to, daughters

Written
9/19/1865
Proved
10/24/1865

Margaret A. Rider and Elizabeth E. Parsons
estate to be equally divided between two daughters
I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret A. Rider during her
life and at her death to her children, all that parcel of land on the left of the
county road leading from Salisbury to Tony Tank Mills which I bought.....
and John D. Williams with the improvements, also a House and Lot in
Newtown adjoining Humphrey Humphreys lot.....

Noah Rider born March 7, 1796 and died October 12, 1865 buried in Dashiell-Huston-Rider Cemetery on the
south side of Tony Tank. Elizabeth Rider, his wife, died February 26, 1851, aged 53 years, 3 mos. and 26
days

Somerset County
Land Record
WP 5/415

Hester A. S. Rider, Worcester County

to

12/21/1849

Noah Rider
\$1200 "Doubt Not Removed" 185 ½ acres

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AH 149

William Gunby
Jane Gunby

to

2/3/1842

Hester A. S. Rider
\$1400 "Doubt Not Removed"

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Somerset County Land Records, various volumes, Somerset County Courthouse.

Somerset County Register of Wills, various volumes, Somerset County Courthouse.

Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre

Acreage of historical setting 100 acres

Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart		
organization	Private Consultant	date	7/6/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

AMUEL WEBB

ENBY

DELANEY AND SONS

ALLEN

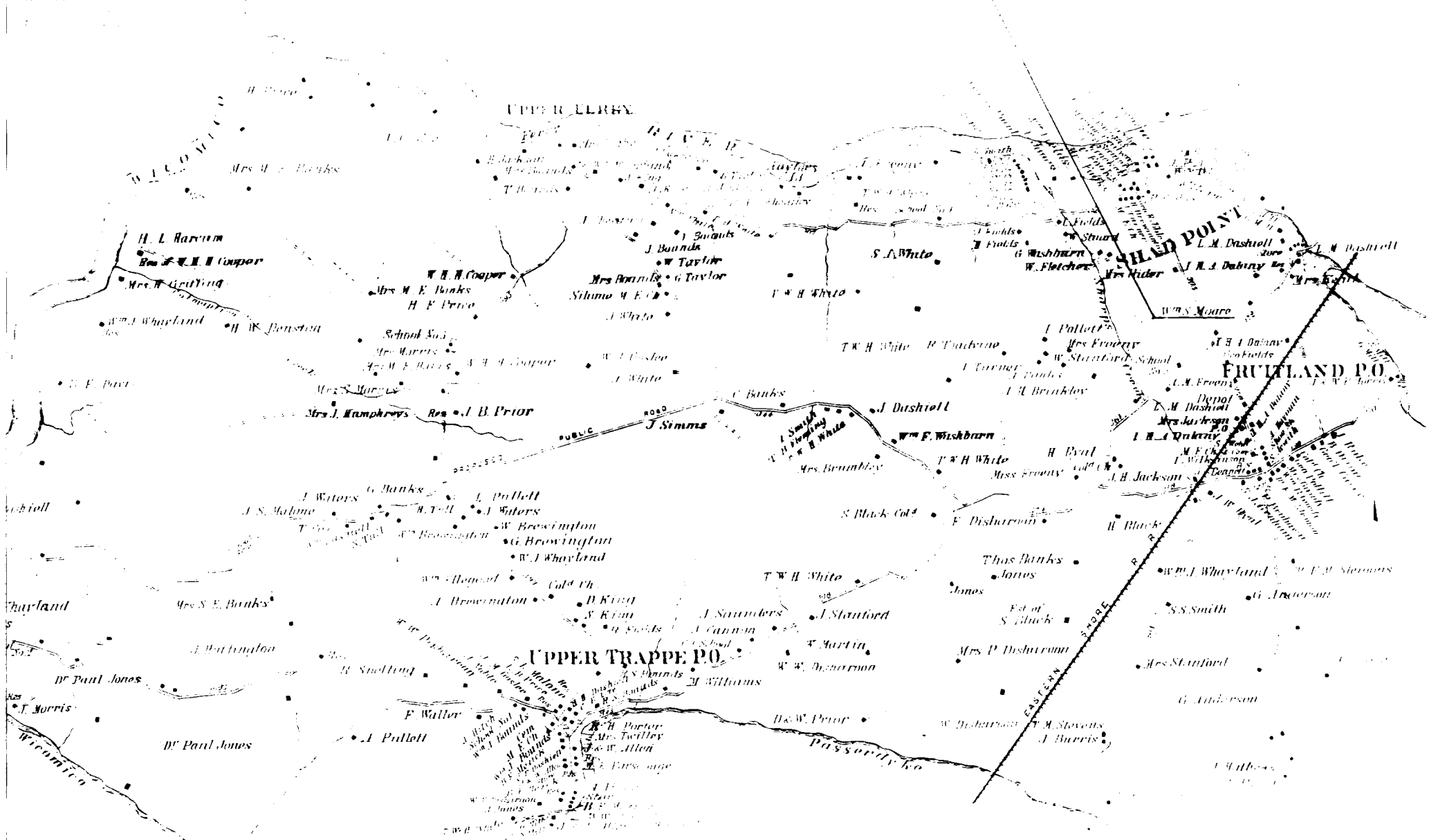
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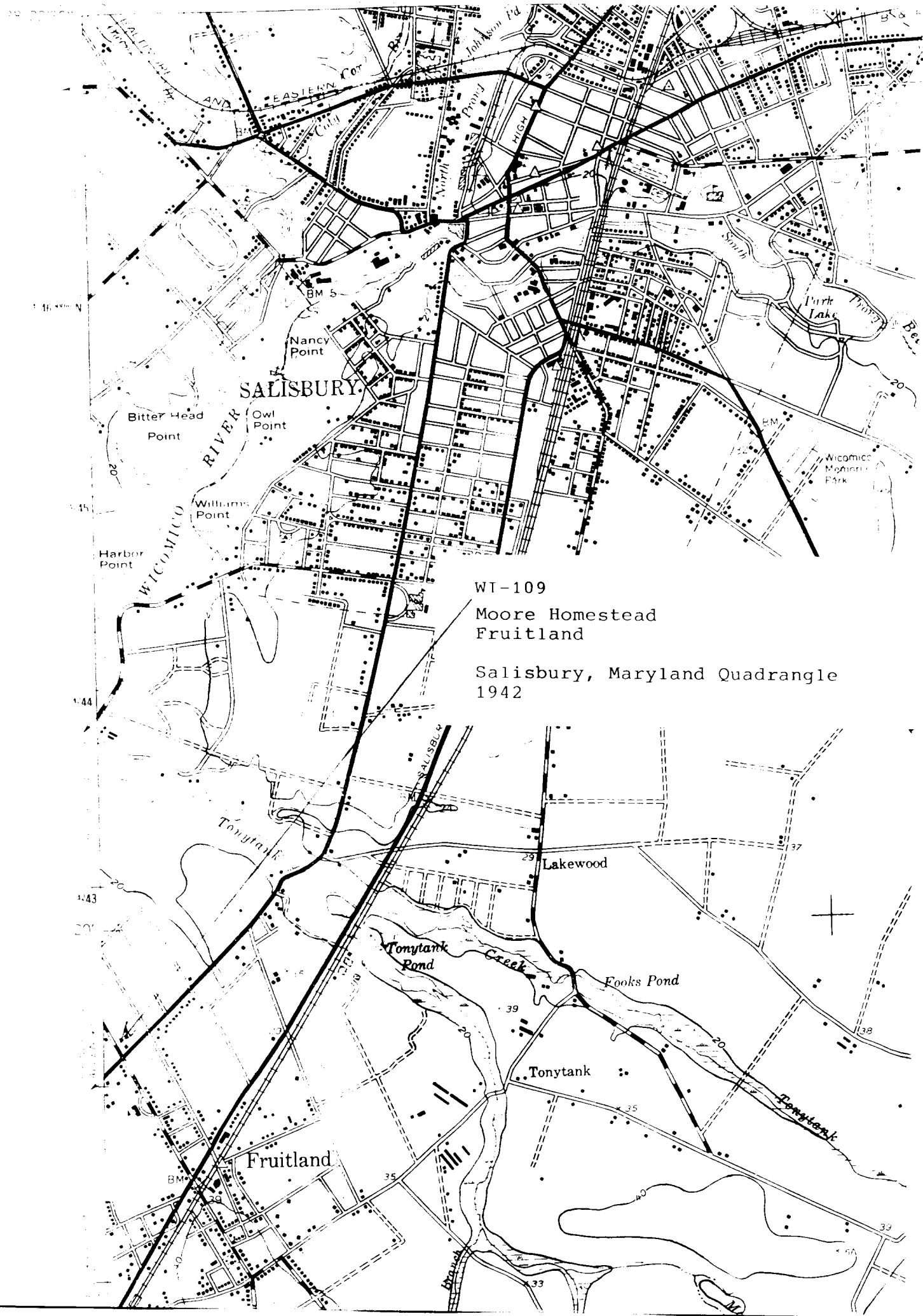
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TRAPPE

Dist No 7
ALCOCK CO ID

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877





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Moore Homestead
Fruitland

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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Moore Home 30112

Franklin, Wisconsin Co. 101

South Elmhurst

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Moore, Lawrence

Lawrence, Lawrence Co., MS

Non-Resident Association

6/01, Paul Taylor, Pittsboro

MS, for the first time

2 or 2



Wi-109 Blades/Moore House in Fruitland

1978

PROTON—
O. V. ANDERSON
323 B. WASHINGTON DRIVE
SALISBURY, MD.



Presented to
O. N. W. P. P. P.
323 P. P. P.
S. A. P. P. P.